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# MINUTES

OF THE

## FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

Spring Creek Church,

Webster County, Miss.,

September 3, 4, and 5,

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Bethel	2	7	...	3	12	1	4	...	...	83	1 60	...	\$14 55	...	\$ 50	...	T. H. Wilson	John M. Cook	Calhoun	Slate Sp
Bethany	1	2	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	154	2 65	\$31 25	...	\$11 00	203 \$28 00	...	J. P. Thompson	L. T. Burns	"	"
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Cross Roads	1	13	8	5	9	1	2	49	73	122	2 00	25	5 00	3 25	...	...	A. B. Hicks	W. R. Pepper	"	Hohenli
Chestnut Springs	3	7	5	5	4	7	1	46	6	113	70	...	...	...	89	...	C. A. Hicks	J. L. Ross	"	"
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Double Springs	4	13	1	3	2	...	...	23	33	56	50	...	...	...	150	...	G. H. Duke	L. J. Taylor	Webster	Clarkson
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Providence	3	...	1	...	8	...	...	140	54	94	1 00	...	...	...	75	...	S. M. Cole	G. S. Patterson	Calhoun	Benela
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Elder H. J. Valla  
requested to preach  
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and J. A. Hunter

The following

Antioch—A. M.

Bethel—A. T.

Bethany—J. P.

Bluff Springs

Cross Roads—

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County Line—

College Hill—

Double Spring

Eupora—Joe

Fellowship—J

Harmony—S.

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Mt. Vernon—

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Mt. Zion—J.

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## N BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.



### FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its fifty-sixth annual session at the Spring Creek church, Webster county, Mississippi, on September 3, 1891.

Appointees to preach the introductory sermon being absent, J. Vallandigham, of the Columbus Association, was requested to preach the introductory sermon. Text, Matt. 25: 14-30

Theme: Personal Responsibility.

After an intermission of one hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, who appointed A. B. Hicks, W. T. Gwin and Hunter reading clerks.

The following churches were represented:

Beach—A. M. George and J. Q. Durham.

Belmont—A. T. Burns and Harvey Vance.

Birmingham—J. P. Thompson and W. J. Vance.

Chickasaw Springs—A. M. Hood, H. A. Watson and D. W. Bennett.

Clinton Roads—J. P. Wofford, A. Skelton and T. N. Ross.

Clinton Springs—G. W. Naron, R. L. Hoke and J. L. Ross.

Clinton Line—T. H. Middleton, W. A. Whitaker and J. R. Curry.

Clinton Hill—B. F. Naron and E. A. Murks.

Clinton Springs—J. E. McDade, J. T. Jenning and J. M. Taylor.

Clinton—Joe Moore and W. W. Naron.

Clinton—J. L. Wilson, J. A. McCain and A. B. Hicks.

Clinton—S. A. Pittman and James Gillon.

Clinton—W. T. McQuary, R. S. Skelton and J. F. Lucius.

Clinton's Grove—Levi Smith.

Clinton—Daniel Malone, Marion Blue and M. K. Gilder.

Vernon—Represented by letter.

Pleasant—J. L. Arnold, A. J. Womack and D. H. Cole.

Zion—J. T. Carroll.

*Montpelier*—J. C. Henly, Henry Applewhite and R. P. Gullett.

*Miligan Springs*—(No letter). W. H. Landrum.

*Mulberry*—J. R. Neal.

*New Hope*—T. H. Wilson, A. B. Skelton and J. H. Pryor.

*New Liberty*—J. M. Patridge and L. M. Townsend.

*Pleasant Grove* (Chickasaw county)—N. B. Crawford, Joel Ellison and A. R. Wofford.

*Pleasant Grove* (Montgomery county)—J. D. Beckum and W. A. Darden.

*Philadelphia* (No letter)—A. B. Middleton.

*Providence*—G. S. Patterson.

*Pilgrim's Rest*—J. J. Eidson.

*Spring Creek*—W. M. High, J. C. Williams and J. A. Dalton.

*Spring Hill*—Eli Hardin and J. D. Burson.

*Spring Valley*—J. E. Barmore, W. A. Hodge and R. G. Bland.

*Sabougla*—James Denton.

*Shiloh*—J. N. Kirk.

*Walthall*—G. W. Dudley and E. Lovett.

*Wakeforest*—W. T. Early, J. H. Hall and J. H. Davis.

Concord, Greensboro, Pleasant Grove (Grenada county), Pleasant Hill and Union churches were not represented.

Brother T. H. Wilson moved that the rules of this Association be suspended, and that we elect the officers by acclamation. Motion lost.

The body then proceeded to elect her officers by ballot, which resulted in the election of Elder A. B. Hicks, Moderator; T. N. Ross, Clerk; and J. H. Pryor, Treasurer.

Called for petitionary letters. College Hill and Lollar's Grove presented petitionary letters, upon which they were received into this body, and the Moderator, in behalf of the association, extended to their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Brother W. H. Landrum was received as a delegate from Miligan Springs, and Brother A. B. Middleton was received as a delegate from Philadelphia.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: On devotional exercises, A. Skelton, Joe Moore and W. J. Vance. On order of business for future meetings, G. W. Dudley, J. A. Dalton and T. H. Wilson.

Called for corresponding messengers. Eld. H. J. Vallandigham presented himself from Columbus Association.

Elder J. L. Jennings was received as a visiting brother from

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Elder S. M. I. W. A. Hurt, repre

On motion of in this Association considered, a corre ciation with which

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On motion, I sermon on mission journ for that purp

The following

*On Home an* J. H. Pryor, and said committee.

*On Ministeri* D. W. Bennett.

*On Sabbath-S* Wilson.

*On Systemati* Thompson and J.

*On Digest of* and Eli Hardin.

Brother J. A in the morning.

Adjourned to

## FRIDA

Devotional Hunter. Morn

At 9 o'clock

A letter of

Montgomery co

On motion, upon the place



County Association, Texas; Elders J. M. Dalton and A. J. from Louisville Association.

Bro. S. M. Ellis, representing the Mississippi College, and Bro. [unclear], representing the Baptist Layman,

#### RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

motion of J. P. Thompson, that any member of any church association who will present a minute of this body, shall be [unclear] a corresponding messenger to represent us in any association with which we correspond.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: J. P. Thompson, N. B. [unclear], C. A. Hicks and T. H. Wilson.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: G. W. Dudley; and [unclear] in case of failure.

motion, Elder J. P. Thompson was appointed to preach a mission at 11 o'clock to-morrow, and that the body adjourn for that purpose.

following committees were appointed:

*Home and State Missions*—J. P. Thompson, W. J. Vance, [unclear], and the Moderator, Elder A. B. Hicks, was added to committee.

*Ministerial Education*—G. W. Dudley, G. W. Berryhill and [unclear] Bennett.

*Sabbath-Schools*—Joe Moore, W. W. Naron and T. H. [unclear].

*Systematic Benevolence*—J. R. Neal, W. S. Middleton, J. P. [unclear] and J. A. Hunter.

*Digest of Church Letters*—T. H. Middleton, J. J. Eidson [unclear] Hardin.

Bro. J. A. Hunter was appointed to conduct prayer-meeting morning.

Adjourned to 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, September 4, 1891.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother J. A.

Morning lesson, 12th chapter of Romans.

At 10 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order.

Order of dismissal was granted Pleasant Grove church, [unclear] county.

motion, 1 o'clock, P. M., was set as the time to decide the place for our next meeting.

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### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Brother J. H. Pryor read the Treasurer's report, which was received and referred to Finance Committee. [See Appendix A.]

Brother G. W. Dudley read the report on Ministerial Education, which was discussed by G. W. Dudley, T. H. Wilson, J. M. Dalton, S. M. Ellis and J. P. Thompson, and adopted. [Appendix B.] Whereupon the following pledges were taken for ministerial education, to be paid by the 1st of May, 1892:

Antioch .....	\$ 5 00	Mont Pelier .....	\$ 5 00
Bethel .....	5 00	New Hope .....	10 00
Bethany .....	10 00	Pleasant Grove (Chickasaw) ..	5 00
Bluff Springs .....	5 00	Philadelphia .....	5 00
Cross Roads .....	5 00	Providence .....	2 50
Chestnut Springs .....	5 00	Spring Creek .....	5 00
County Line .....	5 00	Sabougla .....	5 00
Eupora .....	5 00	Shiloh .....	3 00
Fellowship .....	5 00	Walthall .....	3 00
Harmony .....	2 50	Wakeforest .....	5 00
Hebron .....	5 00	Mrs. Suda Chandler .....	1 00
Midway .....	5 00	Miss Mary Spruill .....	50
Mt. Zion .....	5 00		

amounting in the aggregate to \$119.50.

Elder S. M. Ellis preached the 11 o'clock sermon in place of Elder J. P. Thompson, appointee. Text, Matthew 9 : 38. Theme, "The Neglected Prayer."

Adjourned for one hour

### Afternoon Session.

The special order for locating place for the next meeting was taken up, and New Hope Church was selected as the place for holding the next meeting of this Association.

Reports of committees resumed.

Brother J. H. Pryor read the report on Foreign Missions, which was discussed by H. J. Vallandigham and J. P. Thompson, and adopted. [Appendix C.]

Brother Joe Moore read the report on Sabbath-Schools, which was discussed by Joe Moore; further discussion was deferred until to-morrow morning, and the Moderator appointed the following committee on Missionary Centennial: W. J. Vance and T. H. Wilson.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 8½ o'clock to-morrow.

## SATURDAY MORNING, September 5, 1891.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator. Morning lesson, Romans, 10th chapter. Prayer by Elder J. L. Jennings.

Resumed discussion on the adoption of the report on Sabbath-Schools. Speakers G. S. Patterson, J. A. Hunter, N. B. Crawford, T. H. Wilson, J. L. Jennings and W. J. Vance. Report adopted. [Appendix D.]

On motion of T. H. Wilson, the regular order of business was suspended, and the trouble between Chestnut Springs church and Pleasant Grove was taken up, and the matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of J. P. Wofford, John Duke, J. H. Pryor, W. S. Middleton, G. W. Berryhill and J. L. Wilson, and by consent of Elder H. J. Vallandigham he was added to said committee.

J. P. Thompson read the report on Home and State Missions, which was discussed by J. P. Thompson, J. A. Hunter and T. H. Wilson, and adopted. [Appendix E.]

Elder J. L. Jennings preached the 11 o'clock sermon. Text, 2 Cor. 5 : 20. Theme: "A Message from God."

## Afternoon Session.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and Brother A. T. Burns read the report on Periodicals, which was discussed by A. T. Burns and J. P. Thompson, and adopted. [Appendix F.]

Brother Marion Blue read the report on Temperance, which was discussed by T. H. Wilson and J. P. Thompson, and adopted. [Appendix G.]

Brother J. A. Hunter read the report on Systematic Benevolence, which was discussed by J. A. Hunter, J. L. Jennings and A. J. Walker, and adopted. [Appendix H.]

Brother Eli Hardin read the report on Digest of Church Letters, which was adopted. [Appendix I.]

Brother Joe Moore read the report on Finance, which was adopted. [Appendix J.]

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The Moderator appointed the following committee on Nominations: Eli Hardin, G. W. Naron and A. Skelton.

Report on Order of Business read and adopted. [Appendix K.]

Report of committee on Missionary Centennial read and adopted. [Appendix L.] And the following standing committee was appointed on Missionary Centennial: J. H. Pryor, A. B. Hicks, W. J. Vance, J. P. Thompson, T. H. Wilson, Joe Moore and A. T. Burns.

The report on Nominations was read and adopted. [Appendix M.]

The report of special committee on church trouble read and adopted. [Appendix N.]

The Clerk was authorized to have the Articles of Faith published in the Minutes.

On motion of T. H. Wilson, the Clerk was allowed \$15.00 for his services, and that he be instructed to expend all the money remaining for printing and distributing the Minutes; and that they be distributed to the churches in proportion to the amount of money sent by each church.

The Moderator appointed the following churches to write the reports for the next meeting: Foreign Missions, Walthall; Home and State Missions, Sabougla; Ministerial Education, Bethany; Sabbath-Schools, Fellowship; Periodicals, Cross Roads; Temperance, Double Springs; Systematic Benevolence, Pleasant Grove (Chickasaw county).

The following resolution was offered by T. H. Wilson:

*Resolved*, That we hereby tender our sincere thanks to the members of Spring Creek Church and to the good citizens of this community for their hospitality in providing for delegates, visitors, and horses during our present session.

The Association then sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and adjourned, to meet with the church at New Hope, three miles east of Slate Springs, on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1892.

ELD. A. B. HICKS, MODERATOR.

T. N. ROSS, Clerk.

## APPENDICES.

## A—TREASURER'S REPORT.

*J. H. Pryor, in Account with Zion Baptist Association, from September 6, 1890, to September 3, 1891.*

Sept. 6, 1890—Received of Finance Committee.....	\$ 99 09	
“ “ “ “ “ G. I. Gammill.....	2 65	
“ “ “ “ “ T. N. Ross .....	1 00	
“ “ “ “ “ Bethany Church .....	42 25	
“ “ “ “ “ Bluff Springs Church.....	2 50	
“ “ “ “ “ Cross Roads Church.....	8 25	
“ “ “ “ “ Fellowship Church.....	5 00	
“ “ “ “ “ New Hope Church and S. S.	26 00	
“ “ “ “ “ Pleasant Grove (Mont. Co.)	3 25	
“ “ “ “ “ Walthall Church .....	17 90	
“ “ “ “ “ Shiloh Church .....	5 10	
“ “ “ “ “ Sabongla Church.....	10 00	
Sept. 6, 1890—By amount paid T. N. Ross.....	\$ 58 70	
“ “ “ “ “ W. H. Thompson.....	7 50	
“ 8 “ “ “ “ J. T. Christian.....	40 00	
“ “ “ “ “ Due Treasury per last report	1 35	
Dec. 30, “ “ “ “ “ Paid W. H. Thompson.....	12 50	
Jan. 7, 1891— “ “ “ “ “ B. W. Griffith.....	24 80	
April “ “ “ “ “ J. T. Christian.....	10 00	
“ “ “ “ “ H. A. Tupper.....	6 50	
“ 26 “ “ “ “ “ H. A. Tupper.....	27 30	
“ “ “ “ “ J. T. Christian.....	5 00	
“ “ “ “ “ W. H. Thompson.....	3 25	
June “ “ “ “ “ J. T. Christian.....	8 30	
July “ “ “ “ “ J. T. Christian .....	20 00	
Sept. 3, “ “ “ “ “ For postage.....	1 08	
Total Receipts.....	\$222 99	
“ Disbursements.....		\$226 28
Balance due Treasurer.....	\$ 3 29	
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Respectfully submitted,  
Sept. 3, 1891.

J. H. PRYOR, Treas.

## B—MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Education for the preacher has always been a necessity. The trained mind stored with the information of truth and fact, all other things being equal, can serve the cause of Christ more efficiently than a mind untrained, even when the heart is thoroughly right. The nature of the work of the preacher demands of him both culture and intelligence. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is addressed to man's intelligence. The Scriptures are given in language that for learning and depth of riches no similar writings have ever equaled. God has placed his estimate upon the trained minister by the choice He has made of men through whom He would teach men for all time: Moses, the teacher of the law, learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; and Paul, the expounder of the Gospel, a man thoroughly trained by the foremost teachers of his age. Christ trained his Apostles before He commissioned them for life service. Observation of the past and present shows that God's mightiest ministers have been, and are, men of scholarship. The Scriptures teach that the preacher must study to

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show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. That is, that he is to be a *student all the time*.

The importance of training to the minister of the Gospel is of the greatest moment. This is an era of education, when knowledge runs to and fro, when "progress" is the watchword on every hand, schools multiplying, religious teachers of every sort of heresy skillfully inculcating error, and the teacher of God's Word is greatly at a disadvantage unless he be thoroughly equipped and abreast of the times in point of information and culture. Our young preachers ought to be educated for both these reasons. Every licentiate of the churches, if able, ought to pursue a course of study at our college; and those who need help to go, ought to be sent and assisted by the churches. Our denomination has facilities for educating every young minister at Mississippi College, whom the Lord of the harvest may give to his churches. We have a Board of Ministerial Education, composed of nine members, located at Clinton, Miss., whose sole work it is to look after this business of seeking out young preachers, and to obtain the necessary means for their maintenance. This Board in its work has been separated from the work of the Convention Board. They request that all contributions for ministerial education be forwarded to the Secretary, S. M. Ellis, at Clinton. Your committee would urge that our churches give this department of our beneficent work a more generous support than heretofore. We recommend that every church of this Association make a liberal contribution for ministerial education during the coming associational year.

Respectfully submitted, G. W. DUDLEY, Chairman.

#### C—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following report:—Time and again has this department of church work been brought before the Zion Association, it seems with little effect. What is the mission of the organized local bodies of Christians? To my mind the chief object of these bodies should be the carrying out of the great commission, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." This command is as imperative now as when uttered. Until there is a nowhere, inhabited by nobody, the fulfillment of this command is the undisputable but lamentably disregarded mission of the churches. Let us seek the cause of, and remedy for, this distressing evil, to-wit: disobedience to our Lord's farewell command.

I have carefully examined the minutes of our association, and find that out of a membership of over three thousand we gave for Foreign Missions last year \$103.47. Brethren, are we Missionary Baptist in spirit and in truth, or in name only? We are forced to believe from the above showing that we are extremely poor, very selfish, or possess but little of the grace of giving. There is no truer evidence of our regeneration than to do all we can to bring others to Christ. This can be done in person at home and by the use of our means abroad. Oh, for the Spirit to teach us the value of a soul, that we may give more of our means for the spread of the Gospel. We have missionaries from our State in several continents. The Foreign Board is sending out new ones, and are constantly receiving applications, but are compelled to tell them they must wait, the means are not a command.

Brethren, the gospel is going to be preached to all nations, for the Savior said that the redeemed should come from the east, the west, the north and the south, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. Shall we help in this glorious work? When we read of the great destitution yet in foreign fields, the earnest plea of missionaries for help, and the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," our hearts should be touched, and we should be moved to a double diligence in this department of work for our blessed Master. But is it so? Alas! no. The amount we give shows too plainly the lack of in-



terest in this work. When the Savior healed the ten lepers, but one returned to give thanks and to praise his great Benefactor; and the Savior asked, Where are the nine? May he not now be asking, Why the lack of interest in the salvation of the souls of our fellow-men?

When the Moravian church had but six hundred members they began to send out foreign missionaries. If our churches would do half as well, what an improvement would be made on what we are doing! What shall we say to these things? Can our churches trifle with such a commission, enforced by such amazing providences?

The first century of missions is closing. For these perishing millions the churches have put into Christ's hands little more than the lad's gift of five loaves and two fishes; but how wonderfully have they been multiplied! Had we given to missions as the God of missions has given to us, we might have celebrated this century of missions with the offering of an evangelized world. How shall our churches be awakened to their duty to Christ in giving for the spread of the Gospel among the heathen?

"Even those in heathen darkness  
Are precious in God's sight;  
For them, as well as others,  
Christ left his home of light.  
Can we who have this knowledge  
Endure the burning shame  
Of meeting men in judgment  
Who never heard Christ's name?"

Respectfully submitted, J. W. SPENCER, For Com.

#### D—SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath-Schools make the following report: From the letters sent up from the churches composing our beloved Association, we would readily report but little interest in Sabbath-Schools. There were thirty-three letters read and only seven Sabbath-Schools reported, but it was your committee's good fortune to attend the Sabbath-School Convention of Webster county, and from the interest in Sabbath-Schools manifested there, we are of the opinion that there is a great deal more interest in Sabbath-Schools than we can gather from the letters sent up to the Association. Your committee are certain there are several Sabbath-Schools in our Association that were not reported. We are also satisfied that there are several Sabbath-Schools which are being carried on in country school-houses. Upon the whole, we think there is more interest in Sabbath-Schools than our reports show. Though we know there is great room for improvement, and we are satisfied if heads of families would take more interest in Sabbath-Schools that it would be an easy matter to keep up an interesting Sabbath-School in any locality. It is a hard matter to get the young people interested when parents say: "Go to Sabbath-School; I don't feel like going." The best way is, for the parent to say every Sunday: "Come, let us get up our lesson and go to Sabbath-School."

We know that the Sabbath-School is the nursery of the church; for the Scripture says: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

We would recommend the Association to request all the churches to send up reports of all Sabbath-Schools kept up in their churches or in their neighborhoods—what kind of schools, what kind of literature, how much money expended, &c.

JOE MOORE,  
W. W. NABON.

## E—HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

## HOME MISSIONS.

This department of our work, embracing all the Southern States and Cuba, is directed by the home mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention. From May, 1890, to 1891, the Board had under its employ 406 workers. Those workers have reached far out into the destitute regions, preaching the gospel, organizing prayer-meetings, constituting churches where needed, in fact, doing all the work pertaining to a Baptist missionary. Cuba should specially interest all lovers of missions. We have there 22 native workers, whose labors have been wonderfully blessed. The Board has, at considerable outlay, procured a suitable house of worship right in the heart of the city of Havana. Brother Diaz, who has charge of the work there, is a bold and fearless worker, making the Roman Catholics feel the great power of religious consecration. Brethren, let us work and pray for the conversion of Cuba.

## STATE MISSIONS.

This mission embraces the entire state of Mississippi and that part of Louisiana lying east of the Mississippi River, which includes the city of New Orleans. The number of missionaries employed in this work is 58; stations occupied, 244.

While there is much destitution in our State, and while there are many hindrances, yet we, as Baptists, bearing the true Gospel of our Savior, can not afford not to move up and possess the land. It will take men, and money, and God's help to plant the blessed cross of the blessed Christ. The field is white unto harvest; shall we not thrust in the sickle and reap? Brethren, let us rise up and give a helping hand. The Board of the Baptist Convention is doing its utmost to give the Gospel to the needy, but the Board is dependent upon the churches for the means. That this department of our work may be brought directly before the churches,

*Resolved*, That each pastor be urged to preach upon this subject at least twice during the year, and send the funds to Rev. J. T. Christian, Jackson, Miss.

Respectfully submitted, J. P. THOMPSON, Chairman.

## F—REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The christian press is the great lever of progress in the christian world. We would encourage a pure literature, and while we earnestly recommend the daily study of God's Holy Word as the Book of books, we also recommend that our people be more liberal in supplying their families with good, sound and instructive religious literature. We urge upon our people to subscribe for and read our own State paper, *The Southern Baptist Record*; also the *Baptist Layman*, published at Winona, by Brother W. A. Hurt; also *The Home Field*, published by the Home Mission Board, at Atlanta. And last, but not least, we would impress upon our brethren and sisters the necessity of taking and reading *The Foreign Mission Journal*, that they may be informed as to our foreign mission work.

Brethren, we must get our people to read more, that they may intelligently comprehend the situation and realize the importance of co-operating in all departments of our work.

Respectfully submitted, A. T. BURNS, Chairman.

## G—REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

Why should we wish to prohibit the sale and use of intoxicating

liquors? Because it blights and destroys the happiness of homes, the peace of happy families, and reduces from plenty to want and destitution. It is the source of crime and profligacy, and really blights our prospects for heaven and happiness. And as to the misery, the trouble and blight that has ever afflicted the human family, it is the leading cause that Satan has ever invented. And now, brethren, we believe it to be a christian duty to oppose, and, if possible, to suppress and stop this monster evil. And we would, therefore, recommend that all professed christians, regardless of denomination, unite their best endeavors to use and exert moral suasion and influence over and upon the minds of the people among whom they associate, until they become willing to turn away from and oppose this evil, when law may be permitted to intervene and keep it away. And that God in mercy may compassionate the miseries and sufferings of those who are under its baneful influence, and enable this people to remove it away from us, is the prayer of your committee.

G. W. HOWARD, Chairman.

#### H—SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Since we find that the Lord loves a cheerful giver, and the Apostles instructed in that direction, we believe it is our duty to profit by the same instruction; and while the plan of laying up each week does not meet the income of our day, we recommend it to all who can practice it; and those who can not give each week should not fail to give as often as possible. This scriptural plan comprehends three duties—*giving, gathering, and distributing.* The first is a personal matter between the giver and the Lord; the other two are between the churches and the Lord. This order, which carries the very tone of a command, prescribes the amount, the time, and the method of giving.

1st—This order, "lay by in store," consecrate our gifts, they become sacred; the Lord's, and can be used by us no more than we can use the property of another.

2nd—"On the first day of the week." That is, the first prosperity, or first fruits, or best gifts, should be consecrated to the Lord; that is to say, make our obligations to God of *first importance.*

3rd—Personal obligation—every one. The widow with her mite was blessed more than those of more extended means. Now, that we may all be loved of God, let us all be cheerful givers.

4th—We find no assessment in this, but each one to be the judge of his own prosperity.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. HUNTER, Chairman.

#### I—DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Your committee ask leave to report the following:—We have examined 32 church letters, and find 18 in good condition, and 4 in a cold state. The others say nothing about their condition.

Accessions by baptism.....	208
" " letter.....	87
" " restoration.....	38

Total.....	333
Dismissed by letter.....	123
Excluded.....	58
Died.....	30

Total increase of 32 churches.....	211
Total membership, 2894.	122

Respectfully submitted, T. H. MIDDLETON, Chairman.



**J—FINANCE REPORT.**

Your committee on Finance make the following report:

Money for Minutes.....	\$50 20	
Ministerial Education.....	3 65	
Home Missions.....	12 80	
Foreign Missions.....	29 90	
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	\$96 55	
By amount due Treasurer.....		\$ 3 28
“ “ turned over to Treasurer.....		93 27
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We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE MOORE,  
N. B. CRAWFORD,  
J. W. SKELTON.

**K—ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

Your committee on Order of Business beg leave to report as follows:

- 1—Religious exercises opened by Moderator.
- 2—Introductory sermon.
- 3—Reading letters.
- 4—Permanent organization.
- 5—Treasurer's report.
- 6—Report on Foreign Missions.
- 7—Report on State and Home Missions.
- 8—Report on Ministerial Education.
- 9—Report on Sabbath-Schools.
- 10—Report on Periodicals.
- 11—Report of Finance Committee.
- 12—To decide place for holding next meeting.
- 13—Report on Nominations.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. DALTON, Chairman.

**L—MISSIONARY CENTENNIAL.**

Your committee on Missionary Centennial beg leave to report the following:

On the last day of May, 1792, William Cary, a pious cobbler and consecrated minister of the Gospel, preached a good sermon on missions at Kittering, England, which excited a deep interest and awakened a sense of responsibility for the perishing heathen. This was the beginning of the modern missionary enterprise. In order to increase the interest, to quicken zeal, to encourage systematic effort and prayer for the evangelization of the world, Baptist propose to celebrate that great event. Meetings will be held in 1892 at Kittering by English Baptist, at Philadelphia by Northern Baptist, and Louisville by Southern Baptist.

1st. The people must be educated. The press and the pastors must give information. "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to the harvest." If Christians see this crowded, ripe, golden and perishing grain, surely they will be moved either to enter or to send some one into the fields ready for the reaper.

2nd. We need regular, systematic and proportionate giving among all our churches from a sense of duty. Rich individuals should be induced to become responsible for the support of missionaries. The poor should be encouraged to give their mites regularly. Children should be taught and trained in missionary work. Everybody should learn that our Lord estimates the value of a gift not by the amount which one gives, but by that which he keeps, and by the spirit which prompts the gift.

All our people, as never before, should pray earnestly, regularly, privately and unitedly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our churches at home and abroad, upon all our pastors and missionaries. The Holy Spirit, in answer to prayer, is essential to success. Let us pray for men to enter the field, for larger gifts for their sustenance, and for the blessings of God upon their work.

We urge every pastor in the Association to inform himself and instruct his people upon the progress and outlook of the missionary work at home and abroad, and to give an opportunity to every member to contribute to the extension of our adorable Redeemer's kingdom.

We recommend the appointment of Brother J. H. Pryor as chairman, with six other brethren, as Centennial Committee of this Association.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. VANCE, } Committee.  
T. H. WILSON, }

#### M-REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

To preach the Introductory Sermon, W. H. Thompson; Alternate, S. M. Cole.

Respectfully submitted, G. W. NARON,  
A. S. SKELTON,  
ELI HARDIN.

#### N-REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH TROUBLE.

Your committee to whom was referred the difficulty existing between Pleasant Grove and Chestnut Springs churches, submit the following:

After organizing and asking Divine guidance, we entered into the investigation of the matter before us, and after a careful and prayerful investigation, we have arrived at the following conclusion:

While we recognize the sovereignty of the churches, and believe that each church has the sovereign right to the control of their own internal affairs as seemeth good to them, yet we believe that there are rules of courtesy that should be observed between churches, and one of these refers to the reception of members by one church excluded from another church; and while there may have been some irregularity in the action of Pleasant Grove church, your committee think that Chestnut Springs church violated this rule in the reception of Brother G. W. Naron, who was an excluded member from Pleasant Grove church. We recommend that the Association adopt the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Association advise the church at Chestnut Springs to rescind their action in receiving Brother G. W. Naron into the fellowship of their church; and we advise that they, through a committee, ask Pleasant Grove church to restore him to fellowship and grant him a letter of dismission, or to grant Chestnut Springs church the privilege to grant him church fellowship.

Respectfully submitted, J. P. WOFFORD, Chairman,  
J. H. PRYOR, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held with Mulberry Church, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1892.

To preach the Introductory Sermon, T. H. Wilson; Alternate, M. C. Allen.

#### PROGRAM.

Is it the duty of every member of the church to attend every conference of his church? Walter Spencer.

What is the duty of the church to members who never contribute any to the support and spread of the Gospel? R. A. Malory.

Does God harden the heart of the non-elect that they cannot come to Christ? M. C. Allen.

Who, according to the Bible, has the right to administer christian baptism? T. H. Wilson.

Who, according to the Bible, has the right to commune at the Lord's table? A. T. Burns, D. M. Wray, W. J. Vance.

J. R. FREEMAN, *Clerk.*

F. A. MARTIN, *Moderator.*

#### REPORT OF EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held with Cross Roads church, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1892.

To preach the Introductory Sermon, C. A. Hicks; Alternate, J. L. Arnold.

#### PROGRAM.

1st. Scriptural definition of Church. A. E. Kolb.

2nd. Sanctification. W. S. Middleton.

3rd. If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out. J. F. Mitchell.

All those who did not bring up essays at the two last sessions of the District Meeting are continued on same subjects.

S. M. HIGHTOWER, *Clerk.*

J. F. MITCHELL, *Moderator.*



## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost. Deut. vi: 4; Mark xii: 29; 1 John v: 7.

2. We believe the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. iii: 16; Rom. x: 18.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world. Eph. i: 4, 5, 11; 2 Thes. ii: 13; Rom. ix: 11; xi: 5, 7.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Ps. li: 5; Rom. vii: 14, 17.

5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Rom. ix: 16; John vi: 44.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only. Isaiah liv: 17; Rom. iv: 3.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. John x: 16; 1 Thes. ii: 12; John xvii: 2; 1 Cor. vi: 11.

8. We believe that saints shall be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away. Col. iii: 3; 1 Pet. i: 5.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that by immersion is the Apostolic mode. Matt. xxvii: 19; xxxi: 27; Col. ii: 12; Rom. vi: 5.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. John v: 28, 29; 2 Cor. v: 10; Mat. xxvi: 46.

11. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of a Presbytery. Eph. iv: 5; 1 Cor. ix: 16; Acts xiv: 23; 1 Tim. iv: 14.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table. Acts iii: 41, 42.

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Middleton, T. H.	" " "	"
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Mitchell, E. J.	Lodi, Montgomery county,	"
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Thompson, J. P.	Slate Springs, Calhoun county,	"
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Wilson, J. L.	Bellefontaine, Webster county,	"
Wilson, T. H.	" " "	"
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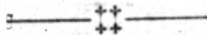
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**ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

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**FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.**

The ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Fifty-seventh annual session with the New Hope church, Webster county, Miss., on Thursday, September 1st, 1892.

The appointee to preach the introductory sermon being absent, Eld. W. T. Hicks was requested to preach the introductory sermon. Text, Rom. 12:1.

After an intermission of an hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, who appointed W. T. Hicks, J. H. Pryor and J. A. Dalton reading clerks. Eld. J. P. Thompson moved that the Association dispense with reading the letters from the churches. Motion lost.

The following named churches were represented:

- Antioch—J. Q. Durham, A. M. George.
- Bethel—Wm. Cook, C. K. Holland, John M. Cook.
- Bethany—J. T. Pryor, W. J. Vance, J. P. Thompson, J. V. Therrell.
- Bluff Springs—W. H. Oswalt, C. S. Clark.
- Cross Roads—A. Skelton, T. N. Ross, H. H. Womack.
- Chestnut Springs—J. L. Ross, S. G. Taylor, G. W. Naron.
- County Line—T. H. Middleton, J. R. Curry.
- College Hill—J. C. Davis.
- Double Springs—Sam Wells, W. E. Denney, B. B. Baker.
- Eupora—W. W. Naron, E. Wright, J. S. Patterson.
- Fellowship—J. L. Wilson, A. B. Hicks, J. J. Adams.
- Greensboro—J. P. Peebles.
- Harmony—J. H. Sledge.
- Hebron—W. R. Loller.
- Loller's Grove—Eli Shaffer, Levi Smith.
- Midway—W. N. Moore, G. W. Howard.
- Mt. Pleasant—J. L. Arnold, J. W. Wright.



Mt. Zion—W. R. Solley.  
 Mont Pelier—H. J. Applewhite.  
 Mulberry—Represented by letter.  
 New Hope—T. H. Wilson, J. H. Pryor, J. W. Spencer.  
 New Liberty—Wm. Peebles.  
 Pleasant Grove (Chickasaw)—Joel Ellison, A. R. Wofford, N. B. Crawford.  
 Pleasant Grove (Grenada)—W. M. Mitchell.  
 Providence—G. S. Patterson, I. N. Patterson.  
 Philadelphia—W. A. Moore.  
 Rocky Mount.—James Cameron, George Swindoll.  
 Spring Creek—J. A. Dalton, J. I. Ramsey.  
 Spring Hill—J. D. Barson, Eli Hardin.  
 Spring Valley—H. J. D. Hendricks.  
 Sabougla—D. D. McFhail, W. D. Cook.  
 Shiloh—J. M. Robinson, Willie Jordan, J. M. Kirk.  
 Union—J. T. Freeman.  
 Walthall—John L. Lovett.

Bro. T. H. Wilson moved to suspend the rules and elect the permanent officers by acclamation. The motion prevailed, whereupon Eld. A. B. Hicks was re-elected Moderator, T. N. Ross re-elected Clerk, and J. H. Pryor re-elected Treasurer.

CALLED FOR PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Rocky Mount church asked for admission into this body; their petition was granted and the Moderator, in behalf of this body, extended to them the right hand of fellowship.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

Whereupon Eld. J. A. Killingsworth presented himself as a corresponding messenger from the Calhoun Association, and Eld. B. L. Middleton from the Louisville Association; they were received and welcomed to seats with us.

Returned correspondence as follows:

To Calhoun Association, J. L. Wilson.  
 To Aberdeen Association, H. J. Applewhite.  
 To Columbus Association, H. J. D. Hendricks and G. W. Naron.  
 To Louisville Association, H. J. D. Hendricks, T. H. Middleton and W. T. Hicks.  
 To Kosciusko Association, W. T. Hicks.  
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Baptist State Convention. T. H. Wilson, H. J. D. Hend-  
rs, A. B. Hicks W. T. Hicks and G. W. Naron.

Eld. T. H. Wilson was elected to the Southern Baptist  
Convention, and Eld. A. B. Hicks alternate.

The following committees were appointed:

devotional exercises, Joel Ellison, A. Skelton, and D. D.  
McFhial, with the deacons of his church.

nominations, G. W. Howard, S. G. Taylor and E. Wright.

The committee on devotional exercises made the fol-  
lowing appointments for services to-night:

preach at this church, J. A. Killingworth.

preach at Slate Springs, J. L. Arnold.

conduct prayer meeting in the morning, J. A. Dalton.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Hardin, J. L. Ross and J. W. Spencer.

#### COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

L. Arnold, W. R. Solley and A. M. George.

The Association then adjourned until to-morrow morn-  
g, 9 o'clock.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT. 2ND, 1892

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. A. Dal-  
n. Morning lesson, 12 chapt. Romans.

At 9 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to or-  
r. The Clerk being absent, Bro. J. L. Ross was requested  
serve during his absence.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, which was read  
d referred to the Finance Committee. (See Appendix A.)

Chestnut Springs Church, having notified the Associa-  
on that they had not complied with their recommendation  
regard to the trouble existing between them and Pleasant  
rove Church, it was moved by Bro. T. H. Wilson that the  
hole matter be referred to a special committee of five, to re-  
investigate said trouble, and report their recommendations  
to this body. Motion lost. Bro. J. W. Therrell moved that  
the report of the special committee appointed by this body at  
s last session to investigate said trouble, and the ac-  
nowledgement made by Chestnut Springs Church to Pleas-  
nt Grove Church be read. Motion prevailed. Bro. C. K.  
olland then moved that a special committee of five be ap-  
ointed by the Moderator, to whom shall be referred these  
papers and that they report to this body their recommenda-

tions. The motion prevailed, and the Moderator appointed Brethren G. W. Howard, J. L. Wilson, Terrell Rose, Daniel Dunn and D. D. McFhail.

RENEWED CALL FOR CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

Eld. H. M. Long presented himself, representing the Baptist Record; he was received and welcomed to a seat with us.

The report on Foreign Missions was read, and on motion to adopt, the discussion was suspended and Eld. H. M. Long presented the claims of the Baptist Record.

Adjournment one hour for refreshment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed discussion on the motion to adopt the report on Foreign Missions. Bro. J. P. Thompson offered an addition to the report, "That Pastors be earnestly requested to sprinkle missions in every sermon." The report, with Bro. Thompson's addition, was adopted. Appendix B.

The report on Home and State Missions was read, and while discussing the motion to adopt, Bro. G. W. Berryhill's mission box was emptied for State Missions, containing \$3.50. Cash collected, \$6.25, and pledges taken for \$48.50, due Nov. 1st, from the following churches and individuals:

E. Wright, \$2.50.	Midway,	\$5.00.
Eupora, \$5.00.	Wm. Peebles,	1.00.
New Hope, 5.00.	Pleasant Grove (Chickasaw)	5.00
Bethany, 5.00	Providence,	2.50.
Chestnut Springs, 5.00	Spring Creek,	100..
County Line, 1.00	Shiloh,	4.00
Fellowship, 5.00	Walthall,	2.05
J. H. Sledge, 1.00:		

The report was adopted.

Bro. H. J. D. Hendricks was appointed to conduct prayer meeting in the morning.

Adjourned to 8.30 to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 3RD, 1892.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. H. J. D. Hendricks. Morning lesson, 6th chap. Matt.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, and the report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted. Appendix D.

The report on Ministerial Education was read and received.

The regular order of business was suspended, and the

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special committee on church trouble made their report, which was received. On motion the report was amended by striking out all after the first section.

The report, as amended, was adopted.

Adjourned one hour for refreshment.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. On motion of Bro. T. H. Wilson the body went into an election for the next place of meeting, which resulted in the choice of Pleasant Grove, Chickasaw county. Bro. N. B. Crawford asked leave to submit the report on Systematic Benevolence, which was granted. The report was read and adopted.— Appendix G.

On motion the report on Ministerial Education was adopted. Appendix E.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. J. H. Pryor and adopted:

Resolved, That there be a committee of five brethren appointed by the Moderator of this Association as a committee on Ministerial Education, whose duty it shall be to look after the young ministers of this Association who desire an education; and provide means for their assistance, and direct their education.

Whereupon the Moderator appointed the following brethren: T. H. Wilson, J. H. Pryor, W. J. Vance, J. P. Thompson, and by request the Moderator agreed to serve on said committee.

The report on Temperance was read and adopted. Appendix H.

The report on Periodicals was read and adopted. Appendix I.

The report of the Centennial Committee was read and adopted. Appendix J.

The report on Finance was read and adopted. Appendix K.

The report on Digest of Church Letters was read and adopted. Appendix L.

The report on Nominations was read and adopted. Appendix M.

The following resolutions were adopted:

By T. H. Wilson: Resolved, That the minutes of the

Sunday School Convention of the Zion Association be printed in the minutes of this Association.

By T. H. Wilson: Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed \$15 for his services, and that he be instructed to expend all the money remaining for printing and distributing the minutes, and that they be distributed to the churches in proportion to the amount of money sent by each church.

By T. N. Ross: That we hereby tender our sincere thanks to the members of New Hope church and to the good citizens of this community for their hospitality in providing for delegates and visitors and for our horses during our present session.

By T. H. Wilson: That the time of meeting be changed from Thursday to Wednesday before the first Sunday in September.

The Clerk was authorized to have the order of business published so as to conform to the manner in which it came up at this meeting.

Inasmuch as the contributions for minutes were so small at this meeting, the Clerk contributed \$5 of his allowance to the minute fund; whereupon Bro. H. J. D. Hendricks offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we gratefully accept the contribution made by our Clerk to the minute fund, and that we earnestly request the churches to contribute more liberally for minutes.

The Moderator appointed the following churches to write reports for the next meeting:

Eupora, to write on Foreign Missions.

New Hope, to write on Home and State Missions.

Walthall, to write on Ministerial Education.

Mt. Pleasant, to write on Sabbath Schools.

Spring Hill, to write on Periodicals.

Bethany, to write on Temperance.

Bluff Springs, to write on Systematic Benevolence.

The Association then sang "Nearer My God to Thee," and adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove church, Chickasaw county, 2 miles South of Atlanta, on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1893.

T. N. Ross,  
Clerk.

Etd. A. B. Hicks,  
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**APPENDIGES:****A—TREASURER'S REPORT.**

H. Pryor in account with Zion Baptist Association from  
Sept. 3, 1891, to Sept. 1, 1892: Dr. Cr.

891: Sept. 4, Col. Ministerial Education	\$10.10	
" 5, Rec'd of Finance Committee.	96.00	
" " Bethany for Min. Ed.,	10.00	
" " Fellowship " " "	5.00	
" " T. H. Wilson " " "	.90	
" " Bluff Springs " " "	4.15	
" " Cross Roads " " "	3.05	
" " Bethel " " "	5.00	
" " Midway " " "	5.00	
" " Mount Pelier " " "	2.50	
" " Eupora " " "	5.00	
" " Pleasant Grove c " "	5.00	
" " New Hope ch. & s. s. "	9.25	
" " Philadelphia for Min. Ed.	3.40	
" " Shiloh " " "	1.55	
" " Sabougla " " "	4.95	
" " Mrs. Suda Chandler " "	1.00	
" " Walthall for Min. Ed.	3.00	
" " Bethany for Missions	22.75	
" " New Hope ch. & s. s. "	16.50	
" " Philadelphia for " "	1.50	
" " Slate Springs s. s. " "	3.10	
" " Pleasant Grove c " "	3.30	
" " Cross Roads For'n Mis.	11.00	
" " County Line " " "	5.00	
" " Shiloh " " "	1.60	
" " Sabougla " " "	11.00	
" " New Liberty " " "	1.40	
" " Spring Hill " " "	2.40	
" " Sabougla State Missions	4.75	
" " Eupora " " "	1.00	
Sept. 4, Paid S. M. Ellis	\$10.10	
" 5. " T. N. Ross	50	
Due Treasurer last report	3.29	
Paid J. T. Christian during the year as per receipts	130.40	
Paid S. M. Ellis during the year as per receipts	57.00	
Paid for postage	1.20	
In hands of Treasurer for Ministerial Education	8.16	

**\$260.15. \$260.15**

Respectfully submitted Sept. 1, 1892.

J. H. PRYOR,  
Treasurer.



## B—FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following report: Time and again has this department of church work been brought before the Zion Association, it seems with less effect each returning year. What is the mission of the organized local bodies of christians? To my mind the chief object of these bodies should be the carrying out of the great commission, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This command is as imperative now as when uttered. Until there is a nowhere inhabited by nobody, the fulfillment of this command is the undisputable but lamentably disregarded mission of the churches. Let us seek the cause of and remedy for this distressing evil, to wit: Disobedience to our Lord's farewell command. I have carefully examined the minutes of our Association and find our membership of over three thousand gave for Foreign Missions last year \$40.45, the year before \$103.47, showing a sad decline in amount given and I fear in spirit to give. Brethren are we Missionary Baptist in spirit and in truth, or in name only? We are forced to believe from the above showing that we are extremely poor or very selfish or possess but little of the grace of giving. There is no truer evidence of our regeneration than to do all we can to bring others to Christ. This can be done in person at home and by the use of our means abroad. Oh, for a spirit to teach us the value of souls, that we may give more of our means for the spread of the gospel! We have missionaries from our state in several countries. The Foreign Mission Board is sending out new ones and are constantly receiving applications, but are compelled to tell them they must wait, the means are not at hand. Brethren the gospel is going to be preached to all nations for the Savior said the redeemed should come from the east, the west, the north and the south, and sit down with Abraham and Jacob in the kingdom of Heaven. Shall we help in this glorious work? If we do not we will not be rewarded. When we read of the great destitution yet in foreign fields, the earnest plea of missionaries for help and the Macedonian cry "Come over and help us," our hearts should be touched and we should be moved to double our diligence in this department of work for our blessed Master. But is it so? Alas, no. The amount given shows too plainly the lack of interest in this work. After the Savior had healed the ten lepers, but one returned to give thanks and praise his great benefactor, and the Savior asked, "where are the nine?" May he not now be asking "why the lack of interest in the souls of our fellow men?"

Brethren in deep sincerity, can we longer trifle with this

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subject? Should not our churches feel the force of the amazing providences that are speaking to us in the force of our Savior's last command? Should we not awake out of sleep and arise that our Savior may give us light through the operation of his spirit in our hearts in the realization of the worth of souls, and the certainty of their salvation depending upon us having the gospel preached to them.

We hope the holding of Fifth Sunday Centennial Meetings and the discussion of the scriptural doctrines bearing upon the subject, and the prayers of God's people for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts, minds and lives of God's people that compose his church on earth, will be his means of awakening a greater interest in giving the gospel more fully to all the heathen nations. Like Paul your committee would pray that our churches might be saved from their deadness and indifference.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD SMITH,  
JOHN L. LOVETT,  
ALMA BAYS.

#### C—HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

##### Home Missions:

This work embraces all the Southern States and Cuba, and is directed by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The total number of missionaries who labored in connection with the Board last year is 365, of these 40 have been laboring in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma, and a considerable number have been laboring among the foreign population in this country. In Cuba the Board has established six churches with 2,250 members; it has employed 21 missionaries in 17 stations, and carries on 7 Sabbath schools with a large attendance. This is an interesting field, in which much good has been accomplished; Roman Catholicism is losing its power there, bless God for his grace.

##### State Missions:

This mission embraces the entire State of Mississippi, and that portion of Louisiana lying East of the Mississippi River. The Baptist of the State should make every effort to disseminate the pure Gospel of Christ over this territory; let us in the name of Christ "Go up and possess the land." It takes men, money and the grace of our Lord to accomplish this end. The number of missionaries employed by the Board from July 1st, 1891, to July 1st, 1892, is 59; the number of stations occupied 257; the number of Baptisms 228; the number of churches organized 9. The general condition of the State mission work is encouraging. Now brethren, the Board is dependent on the churches for the means to carry

on the work; we pray you to arouse your people that the perishing may live. Respectfully submitted,

W. M. MARTIN,  
D. D. McFHAIR,  
W. D. COOKE.

#### D—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools begs leave to submit the following: Your committee had the good fortune to attend the Sabbath School convention of Webster county, which convened at South Union church Friday before the 3rd Sunday in July, 1892. From the interest manifested there we would readily report but little interest in Sabbath school work. There were only about 23 schools represented. But we think the convention put the Sabbath schools on a better plan, and there will be more interest manifested in the work in the future than has ever been in the past. It was one of your committee's good fortune to attend the Baptist Sunday school Convention, held with Bethany church, Slate Springs; we would report but little interest, though this convention is quite young. About 8 schools were represented. though we think there are several schools being carried on in our country school houses that were not represented. We would recommend the Association to request the pastors of the churches composing our beloved Association to have each school represented in the next convention which will convene with the Baptist church at Eupora. We think there is more interest in Sabbath schools than the report shows, though we know there is great room for improvement; and we are satisfied that if heads of families would take more interest in Sabbath schools that it would be an easy matter to keep up an interesting Sabbath school in any locality.

In the Sabbath school army  
Should our names be enrolled;  
We should follow our leader,  
All steadfast and bold.  
On the Sunday school banner,  
His name you may see;  
It is Jesus our Savior,  
Who loves you and me.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE STOVALL,  
JOHNNIE BERRYHILL,  
PRYOR WILSON.

#### E—MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Taught and sent by the Spirit of God, our young brethren need, nevertheless, to study the Bible. They need to know the rules, and the power, and the use of their own language. It will not be to their injury should they know



somewhat of the languages which God honored by selecting them as the vehicles of his inspiration; for they will be better prepared to repel the many forms of heresy that assail the Christian's faith. We believe that ministers should be educated so they could study the Bible better, and instruct their people better; we know, and thank God for the fact, that there have been, and are yet, in the ministry men of the greatest usefulness who have never profited by a Theological Seminary. They have been self-taught men. Yet nearly with one voice these men of deserved influence, and most competent to judge, have advocated Theological schools. Their own struggles and sacrifices in the attainment of knowledge have taught them its value. If by these institutions it were intended to supersede the teachings of the Holy Spirit, if it were ever to be forgotten that only He can qualify and commission the heralds of the cross, and that His grace is needed to sanctify and to prosper every earthly "aid and appliance," we should unite in execrating as blasphemous arrogance the attempt of those who would educate the youthful pastor and missionary. But such is not the intent and spirit of these institutions. Those only are instructed who hopefully, as members of the church, have shared in divine teaching, and whom the church has deemed qualified for ministerial usefulness. And that a period of time may be wisely spent in retirement and preparation before entering upon the proclamation of the Gospel, would seem not unreasonable when we look to the three years of constant intercourse with their Lord and instruction from him; which fitted the Apostles for evangelizing the world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. DORRHO,  
L. T. BRUNS.

#### F—REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH TROUBLE.

We, your committee appointed to investigate, and if possible to settle and reconcile the great trouble between Chestnut Springs and Pleasant Grove churches, beg leave to make the following report and recommendation, viz.:

That Chestnut Springs rescind her act in receiving Bro. G. W. Naron into her fellowship without a letter of dismission from Pleasant Grove.

G. W. Howard, Chairman.

#### G—SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

We believe that benevolence means a disposition to do good and to make others happy in administering to their wants in time of need and distress, which may be in money or any act of kindness calculated to relieve them. We think God makes it our Christian duty to help our less fortunate friends, and that by so doing we will be rewarded, not only in this life but in the life to come. We think this disposition should be taught our children, and that each member of our families should know that it is expected they will contribute something for the support of the

church, and distressed humanity. We should seek to inform our minds as to our duty, and then be governed by our conscience in the matter, but as to the amounts that we may be due for missions or pastoral services, we would advise that monthly or quarterly collections and payments be made, and that each member should pay something; by so doing the debt would seem much easier paid, and the amount much less missed than if all paid at once. This would reduce our financial system more to a cash basis, and add much to the influence of our pastors and churches for good.

Respectfully submitted,

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH.

#### H—TEMPERANCE.

Webster says: "Temperance is a moderate indulgence of the appetites." Then it is the proper use of such things as are necessary for our wellbeing. Paul says, 1 Cor, 9:25: "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown: but we are incorruptible." We are to indulge in such things as are necessary to enable us to win that incorruptible crown. Such things as are not necessary are strictly forbidden; such as the use of intoxicating spirits. Christians should avoid the appearance of evil; there is not only the appearance of evil in the use of intoxicating liquors, but an actual sin. Respectfully submitted,

DOUBLE SPRINGS CHURCH.

#### I—PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals would urge upon the members of our Association the importance of a more careful and constant study of God's Word, and such sound religious literature as will throw light upon it; that we may more fully understand our duties to Him, and the best methods by which to perform those duties. We would recommend, therefore, that first of all the Bible should have a claim upon our hours for study.

The Christian Repository, edited by Bro. and Sister Ford of St. Louis, Mo., a monthly magazine of about 85 pages, at \$2 per annum, is an excellent periodical for general information pertaining to the Scriptures.

The Baptist Record, by Bro. J. A. Hackett, of Meridian, Miss., for State denominational news pertaining to all the enterprises fostered by the Baptist of the State.

For Home and Foreign Mission news, we would recommend The Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga., and the Foreign Mission Journal published at Richmond, Va.

For Sabbath schools, we recommend the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society, 66½ Whitehall street, Atlanta, Ga., or the literature of the South-western Publishing House, Nashville Tenn., as sound, cheap and practical.

And for something upon which your souls may feast and grow, something to talk over around your firesides, to meditate upon between your plow handles, in your school rooms and behind your counters, we recommend the Baptist Layman, by Bro. W. A. Hurt of Winona, Miss. It is a paper of sound, choice clippings from other religious papers, and is

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pecially adapted to our wants and necessities; and we recommend our members to give it their hearty support. Respectfully submitted,

T. N. ROSS,  
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EUDORA SKELTON.

#### J—CENTENIAL WORK.

Your committee on centennial work beg leave to submit the following: We have held Fifth Sunday meetings at the following churches: New Hope, 5th Sunday in October, failure. Cross Roads, 5th Sunday in January, cash collected \$11.00. County Line, 5th Sunday in May, cash collected \$5.00. Sabongla, 5th Sunday in May, cash collected \$10.00. Spring Hill, 5th Sunday in July, cash collected \$2.40. Total amount collected, \$28.40.

We recommend the continuation of this work under the same committee. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PRYOR, Chairman.

#### K—FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance makes the following report:

Received for minutes,	\$37.45.
Received for Home Missions,	.50.
Received for Foreign Missions,	15.95.
Turned over to Treasurer,	\$53.90.

We have examined the Treasurer's report, and find it correct. Respectfully submitted,

ELI HARDIN,  
J. L. ROSS,  
J. W. SPENCER.

#### L—DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Your committee ask leave to report the following: We have examined 44 church letters, and find 9 in good condition; 12 in a cold condition, and 11 say nothing of their condition.

Accessions by baptism,	168.	
Accessions by letter,	98.	
Accessions by restoration,	9.	
Dismissed by letter,		206.
Excluded,		39.
Died,		34.
Total increase,	275.	
Total decrease,		279.
Total membership of 34 churches,		2958.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. SOLLEY,  
A. M. GEORGE,  
J. L. ARNOLD.

#### M—NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations make the following report: To



preach the introductory sermon, Eld. J. P. Thompson. Alternate, Eld. A. B. Hicks. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HOWARD,  
S. G. TAYLOR,  
E. WRIGHT.

REPORT OF WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held with New Liberty church, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1893. To preach the introductory sermon, Eld. T. H. Wilson. Alternate, Eld. M. C. Allen.

PROGRAM.

Is it the duty of every member of the church to attend every conference of his church? Walter Spencer.

What is the duty of the church to members who never contribute anything to the support and spread of the Gospel? R. A. Mallory.

Does God harden the hearts of the non-elect that they cannot come to Christ? M. C. Allen.

Who, according to the Bible, has the right to administer Christian Baptism? T. H. Wilson.

Who, according to the Bible, has the right to commune at the Lord's table? A. T. Burns, D. M. Wray and W. J. Vance.

J. R. FREEMAN,

Clerk.

P. J. LUSK,

Moderator.

REPORT OF EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held with Eupora church, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1893. To preach the introductory sermon, Elder A. B. Hicks. Alternate, Elder S. M. Cole.

PROGRAM.

Scriptural definition of church, Bro. A. E. Kolb.

Sanctification, Elder W. S. Middleton.

Is Baptism a church ordinance? Elder A. B. Hicks.

Practical Godliness, Bro. D. H. Cole.

Gal. 6; 17, Elder J. L. Arnold.

The third section of the Articles of Faith of the Zion Baptist Association, Elders T. H. Middleton and J. F. Mitchell.

Corresponding delegates to Western District meeting: Elders W. F. Hicks, T. H. Middleton, J. F. Mitchell and J. L. Arnold, and Brother T. N. Ross.

S. M. HIGHTOWER,

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G. W. BERRYHILL,

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OF THE

# BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

COMPOSED OF THE ZION ASSOCIATION

The Baptist Sabbath School Convention of the Zion Association met with Slate Springs Sabbath School, Calhoun county, Miss., July 1, 1892.

Convention was opened by President Fox by reading from Psalms and engaging in prayer. Letters were called for and letters were read from the following Sabbath schools, represented by the delegates annexed:

Pleasant Grove—R. E. Perry, C. M. Ringold, E. L. and Fannie James.

New Hope—W. W. Allen, J. R. Skelton, Misses Abbie Gregg and Annie White.

Bellefontaine—J. J. Adams, E. P. Wilson and Miss Emma Daniel.

County Line—Leah McKee and G. M. Vance.

Spring Hill—Misses Eliza Wilson, Alice Moore and Leo Burson.

Slate Springs—J. S. Dorroh, Virgil Langston and L. T. Burns.

Denton Town—James Denton Jr., Mrs. Mollie Bosman and Miss Jennie Herod.

The Sabbath schools from the Eastern District were welcomed in our body.

Went into the election of officers, resulting as follows: J. H. Pryor, President; Bailey Hardin, Vice-president; Leslie Burns, Secretary; Joe Vance, Treasurer; M. C. Allen, Chaplain.

Saturday immediately after re-assembling was selected as time for selecting place of next meeting.

Committee appointed to prepare program for next year's meeting, viz: J. P. Thompson, M. C. Allen and Felix Martin. Committee appointed to draft a new constitution and prepare it for next meeting, viz: J. T. Pryor, T. H. Wilson, Bailey Hardin and A. B. Hicks.

Adjourned for noon, until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened by singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Prayer by Bro. Felix Martin.

Letter read from Eupora school and on motion was received into the Convention. On motion programme was taken up.

Motion for the brethren to discuss the first subject on programme as the one appointed was absent. Subject, "The Sabbath School as an Evangelizing Agency," and was ably discussed by Brethren T. H. Wilson, A. B. Hicks and J. T. Pryor. Bro. A. B. Hicks was appointed to preach to-night and Bro. M. C. Allen Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Adjourned to 9.30 o'clock Saturday morning.



**SATURDAY.**

Convention called together and President read 122nd Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Felix Martin.

Address by Bro Felix Martin, subject: "Best method of arousing and sustaining interest in Sabbath schools." This able address was also discussed by other brethren

RECESS OF 10 MINUTES.

Called together by singing "He is able to deliver thee." On motion it was decided to not have preaching as was appointed, and an address was made by Rev. M. C. Allen, subject; "Is it right for Baptist Sunday schools to have pedo-baptist superintendents?" And was ably discussed by other brethren A prayer was offered for Bro. R. Frank, who has been afflicted for some time.

Adjourned for dinner, until 2 o'clock p. m.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

Came together by singing—from the children.

The hour for special order having arrived which was to select a place for next meeting. Eupora and Bellefontaine were put in nomination. Eupora was selected place of next meeting. The time selected for next meeting was Friday before the regular meeting day of Eupora church, in July.

Programme as given by committee for next session was adopted, which is as follows:

1. Opening address, E. Wright.
2. Organize Convention.
3. Sermon: Text, Preach the gospel, by Chaplain.
4. Recess.
5. Should the subject of Missions be encouraged in Sabbath schools, J. W. Spencer.
6. What is the mission of the Sabbath School, J. P. Thompson.
7. Should young people be taught "Bible Doctrine?" If so, how? W. J. Vance.
8. The best way to prevent the reading of trashy literature, B. Delashmet.
9. Good behavior in church and Sabbath school, Dora Delashmet.
10. How should we teach the spirit of the lessons in the Sabbath school, J. H. Pryor.
11. What is it to keep the Sabbath day holy, Leah McKee.

Signed: M. C. Allen, J. P. Thompson, F. A. Martin.

Address by Bro. Walter Spencer, subject: "Is it right to omit teaching the truth to avoid giving offense?"

R. A. Mallory, E. Wright, Gold Pittman and T. N. Ross were appointed organizers and lecturers of Sabbath schools.

Closed by prayer by Bro. J. W. Spencer. J. H. PRYOR,

L. T. BURNS, Secretary.

President.

CHURCHES.	TIME OF MEETING	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died.	No of Males	No of Females
Antioch.....	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	39	1
Bethel.....	2	9	4	2	6	3	3	39	1
Bethany.....	1	11	10	2	11	1	1	39	1
Bluff Springs....	1	3	1	1	6	6	1	39	1
Cross Roads.....	1	1	6	1	18	2	3	39	1
County Line.....	4	6	3	1	3	3	1	39	1
Chestnut Springs.	3	1	1	1	6	2	1	42	1
College Hill.....	2	5	4	1	7	1	1	11	1
Double Springs...	4	9	3	1	2	1	1	32	1
Eupora.....	3	8	2	1	2	3	1	32	1
Fellowship.....	2	1	8	1	12	3	1	32	1
Greensboro.....	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	45	1
Hebron.....	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	14	1
Harmony.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1
Loller's Grove....	1	25	2	1	5	1	1	81	1
Midway.....	2	1	4	1	8	3	1	20	1
Mt. Pleasant.....	4	9	1	1	1	1	1	37	1
Mt. Zion.....	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	26	1
Montpelier.....	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	43	1
Malberry.....	4	1	6	1	8	1	1	48	1
New Hope.....	4	6	1	1	15	2	1	27	1
New Liberty.....	3	14	7	1	11	1	5	38	1
Philadelphia.....	1	1	1	1	12	3	1	56	1
†Pleasant Grove..	4	12	1	1	10	3	1	7	1
†Pleasant Grove..	3	15	1	1	4	4	2	14	1
Providence.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	1
Rocky Mount....	4	11	4	1	2	4	1	35	1
Spring Hill.....	1	7	8	1	6	1	1	39	1
Spring Valley....	3	1	1	1	4	1	1	15	1
Spring Creek....	3	3	1	1	8	2	1	39	1
Suloh.....	1	8	4	1	5	1	1	15	1
Sabougla.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Union.....	8	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Walshall.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

NOTE: †Tulcanada county. ‡Chickasa



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

No of Males	No of Females	Total Membership	Minutes	Home, State and General Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Pastor's Salary	All Other Purposes	PASTORS.	CHURCH CL	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE
...	...	61	1 40	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	J F Mitchell	Jas. George		Pine Bluff.
39	51	90	1 60	.....	.....	5 00	68 50	.....	T H Wilson	John M Cook	Calhoun	Slate Spring
...	...	167	1 50	25 85	.....	1000	150 00	5 00	J P Thompson	L T Burns	"	" "
...	...	166	70	.....	4 35	4 15	.....	.....	T H Middleton	D W Bennett	Webster	Walthall
...	...	106	1 65	1 75	1100	3 05	.....	.....	T H Wilson	J E Wofford	"	Hohenlinder
33	47	80	1 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	J F Mitchell	W T Gwin	"	Cumberland
42	63	105	1 05	1 00	.....	.....	60 00	5 00	C A Hicks	J L Ross		Hohenlinder
11	19	30	1 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	S M Cole	B F Naron	Chickasaw	Atlanta
...	...	64	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	G H Duke	L J Taylor	Webster	Clarkson
32	35	67	2 00	1 00	.....	5 00	100 00	5400	J P Thompson	J J Flowers	"	Eupora
...	...	179	1 50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	A B Hicks	W C Sugg	"	Bellefontaine
...	...	97	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	C A Hicks	J F Johnson	"	Greensboro
45	55	98	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	G H Duke	W R Loller	"	Spring Creek
14	24	35	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	B L Middleton	J T Dunn	Montgomery	Alva
8	29	37	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	S M Cole	T J Hawkins	Webster	Sapa
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20	38	58	90	50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	T H Middleton	G B Pepper	Webster	Hohenlinder
37	59	96	65	.....	75	90	.....	.....	T H Middleton	W R Solley	"	Callooga
...	...	78	1 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	T N Lusk	H J Applewhite	Clay	Cairo
26	30	56	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	T H Wilson	J R Freeman	Montgomery	Lodi
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48	52	100	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	M C Allen	T J Cooper	Webster	Cadarretta
27	38	65	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J P Thompson	W M Ringold	Grenada	Susie
38	46	84	1 25	4 05	.....	5 00	150 00	.....	T N Smith	3 H Scott	Webster	Hohenlinder
56	44	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J J Eidson	G S Patterson	Calhoun	Benela
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30	35	65	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A B Hicks	W M High	"	Cumberland
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